

## **Greater East Bay ACA Intergroup Meeting Minutes September 28, 2019**

- 1) Standard readings read
- 2) Agenda approved with two minor modifications. (Typos)
- 3) Detoured from agenda schedule so that Sharon could demo online ordering on Shopify
  - a. We can only ship to groups covered in our Intergroup area
  - b. Must have account to check out
  - c. Shipping is free
  - d. Can make donations. Donations are whole dollars only. No cents.
  - e. \$140 threshold
    - i. Under \$140 we do local delivery or pickup only
    - ii. Over \$140 we will ship
    - iii. 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition donations do not count toward \$140. Sharon will set that up.
    - iv. Sharon will also add GEBACA to 7<sup>th</sup> tradition donation page.
  - f. Starr needs to look further into Shopify Payments (which should already be set up), and that we are still seeing PayPal as an option.
  - g. Do we need to require some kind of authentication, so that non-affiliated groups can't order?
    - i. Yes.
    - ii. Sharon will set passwords for each group. Will use WSO group numbers for passwords. Will set up as "companies."
    - iii. Need messaging for individuals, and a link to WSO order site for non-group orders.
  - h. Sharon will find out about refund process and let the group know how that works.
  - i. Sharon will remove the word "region" from the store.
  - j. We'll compile a list of any other changes we need and send to Sharon.
  - k. Sharon will report on how many emails she is processing for info@gebaca.org
- 4) Approval of August minutes – all in favor
- 5) Identification of 2020 GEBACA Board Members
  - a. Cathy mentioned possible interest in Treasurer through Shari.
  - b. We must have chair, treasurer, secretary or the non-profit dissolves.
  - c. Must fill out paperwork by January.
  - d. Group discussed whether or not we might get more interest if the positions are shared. E.g. co-chair, co-secretary.
    - i. We need one person listed for each position for the state, but in practice could share responsibility.
  - e. Shari interested in vice-chair
  - f. Carmen can keep literature
  - g. Starr can do secretary if no one else steps up.
- 6) Discussion about having every other meeting be a Zoom Mtg.
  - a. Reduces carbon footprint

- b. Reduces rent budget
  - c. Barbara recommended Jan mtg in person, then every other mtg as Zoom.
  - d. Rene asked why we were considering this. Barbara explained that the group wants to meet every month, but that group members liked the idea of alternating Zoom mtgs to reduce driving and time. Rene suggests reviewing in a few months to see if this is working for us.
  - e. Marcus asked how Zoom handles user data. Cathy explained we are using Walmart's account (with permission), and that the data is not stored anywhere.
  - f. Group agreed we should look into our own Zoom account in January.
  - g. Motion was brought to vote on this. After discussion, group voted unanimously to do so. We will review after 4 months.
  - h. Recording was brought up. Barbara will put that on the agenda for next month
- 7) GEBACA Delegate for April 2020 ABC Meeting in Boca Raton
- a. We'll vote next month.
  - b. We have the budget.
- 8) Literature Report
- a. \$120 in literature inventory
  - b. \$30 in Spanish yellow
  - c. \$42 in Spanish red
  - d. Mike has \$90 in inventory
  - e. \$520 worth of chips
  - f. Total Sales: \$350
  - g. She and Mike were keeping large inventory. Would like to decrease now that we have online ordering.
  - h. Price of laundry list book. Thinks we're losing money at \$10. Would like to increase to \$12. Discussion ensued:
    - i. Barbara thinks our last calculations indicated we were losing \$.12 per book.
    - ii. Carmen says yellow book price has increased.
    - iii. Barabara would like to recalculate with Carmen offline.
- 9) Treasurer report
- a. See full report here:  
<https://gebaca.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/ProfitandLossDetail-Aug-2019.pdf>
  - b. Starr needs to transfer Shopify to group card. Currently on Starr's card.
  - c. Joe expressed appreciation for clarity of our financials
  - d. Meeting Support Fund Proposal (Not yet approved)
    - i. Name: Start It Up Fund
    - ii. \$50 for rent
    - iii. Give them books (number?)
    - iv. Give mtg binder
    - v. Give them 501c3 doc
    - vi. Can support 4 new meetings per year.
    - vii. \$106 dollars quarterly.

- viii. We can afford next year based on this year's financials.
- ix. How will we communicate the availability of this?
- x. Barbara has some concerns about \$50. Does it violate 7<sup>th</sup> tradition directive to be self-sufficient. Is the \$50 a gift? Does it need to be paid back? Several members made comments, but group decided to table and discuss further next month due to time constrictions
- xi. Event Literature Support Proposal
  - 1. Should we fund giving books to people who can't afford it at events?
  - 2. Rene motioned to approve
  - 3. Group unanimously voted to do so.

#### 10) Communication report

- a. Barbara mentioned Rene's address bounces.
- b. Barbara requested that Sharon be included in group emails.

#### 11) Website report was covered earlier

#### 12) Events & Activities

- a. Need greeter & sign-in person for Co-Traveler Workshop on 10/10.
- b. Cathy has flyers prepared for workshop and for Oct speaker meeting.
- c. Marcus asked that groups announce workshop along with speaker meeting

#### 13) Intergroup Rep Updates

- a. Regina (Sat. Fremont) – Group is doing non-dominant handwriting. Group is thriving, and has almost paid back secretary for start-up literature
- b. Marcus (Rio Vista) – Getting a few newcomers per meeting. Folks are raising hands to sponsor
- c. Zoe (Rio Vista) – Seeing more newcomers. Meditating before regular meeting. New birthday mtg once a month.
- d. Efrosini (Stockton) – Group is doing yellow book.
- e. Cathy (Brentwood) – Group is doing a social day once a month. Families included. Seeing growth from medical professionals suggesting ACA. Hands are going up more for service, after reading Barbara's letter
- f. Rene (Stockton) – Sunday 10am mtg. Getting folks who work during the week. Looking forward to online donations
- g. Carmen (Concord) – Finishing up comline readings on predatory behavior.
- h. Joe (Oakland)
- i. Tim (Danville/Alamo) – New faces, but not seeing older members return. Having some difficulty financially
- j. Starr (Fremont) – Thurs group will be doing quarterly birthday potlucks. Also announced new Sunday Meditation Mtg.
- k. Barbara (Concord) – New mtg Oakland Women's group sometime during the week.
- l. Robin (Benicia) – Group almost finished with yellow book, and will then start red book. Will have a celebration after yellow book is done.

#### 14) Can register for Boca Raton mtg online.

#### 15) First meeting in South Korea

16) Quarterly Speaker Mtg

- a. Speakers are lined up.
- b. Cathy and Robin will meet this weekend to work further.
- c. Barbara has microphone/speaker.
- d. Cathy has given recording info to Shari and thought Shari was coordinating. Starr will check in with her.
- e. Theme is Service

17) Barbara and Tim are discussing January Speaker Mtg.

- a. Cathy suggested theme of Sponsorship.

18) SF put in a bid to have ABC here in 2021.

- a. Possible venues – Embassy Suite in either Walnut Creek or SF
- b. Barbara is pushing for Walnut Creek
- c. Submitted “Beyond Mere Survival” as theme
- d. Need someone to create logo
- e. Oct 15 is deadline for bids

19) Cathy - We ordered signs for events. Includes QR code.